

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
SAC 391647
PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority ("C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier located in the central part of the state of South Dakota. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's study area consists of [REDACTED] exchanges and serves [REDACTED] square miles and has [REDACTED] working loops as of December 31, 2015. The five exchanges are Dupree, Eagle Butte, Isabel, LaPlant and South Dupree. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in its final phase of completing a fiber-to-the-home network throughout its entire study area which is and will be funded by borrowings in excess of [REDACTED] from the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS"). The fiber-to-the-home network covers [REDACTED] of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's study area and allows all subscribers the capability of broadband speeds in excess of the 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload standard established in FCC 47 CFR 54.313 (f)(1)(i).

In 2016, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority main focus will be installing fiber drops and connecting customers to the fiber-to-the-home network throughout their serving area, though predominately in the Isabel exchange.

Exhibit A reflects C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's Universal Service Fund ("USF") support amounts that will be received and C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's plant investment additions and expenses for January 1 to December 31, 2015. Exhibit B sets out C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's initial proposed plant additions for 2015 compared to actual plant additions for January 1 to December 31, 2015.

The USF support funds received also assists C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority in repaying the RUS debt incurred in past years including significant plant investment acquired for the fiber-to-the-home network project. The RUS debt balance as of December 31, 2015 was approximately [REDACTED] with interest paid at various rates between [REDACTED]. Approximately [REDACTED] of this debt is associated with the fiber-to-the-home project.

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority sells DSL to its Internet Service Provider ("ISP"), a division of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority, and provides the transport to the exchange boundary for the ISP as well. See Section 700 of the FCC Form 481 displaying the retail pricing of broadband services. As of December 31, 2015, the company had [REDACTED] broadband customers, which is a penetration rate of approximately [REDACTED] of its voice customers. A wire center map of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's exchanges showing broadband speed capabilities is reflected in Exhibit C.

As they are known to C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority at the date of this report, other than the projects described on Exhibit B, the planned investment and expenses for the period presented in Exhibit A, that C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's expects to use as basis to request federal high-cost support, are expected to be approximately the same as initially proposed, taking in account normal fluctuations in investments and expense levels. For 2016, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2015, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and depreciation on investment placed in service. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for 2016.

Through the expenditure of the USF support received, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority will be able to continue to provide services at a level that C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C. 254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is designated as an ETC. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. Those expenditures and investments generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority within its designated ETC service area. By expanding its network over the past several years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is capable of providing access to broadband services to [REDACTED] of C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's designated ETC service area. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority offers services that are comparable to services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to rates for such services in urban areas.

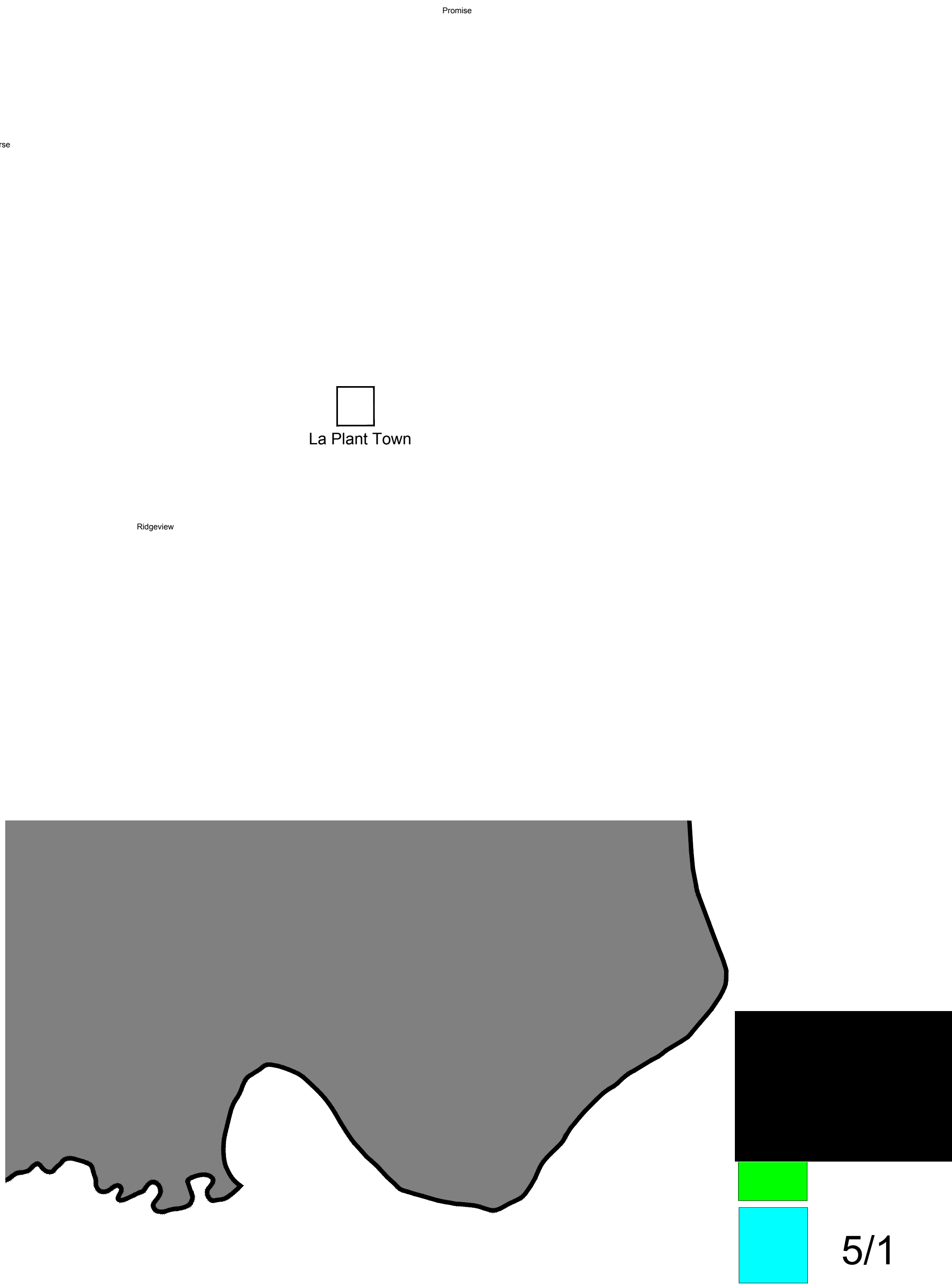
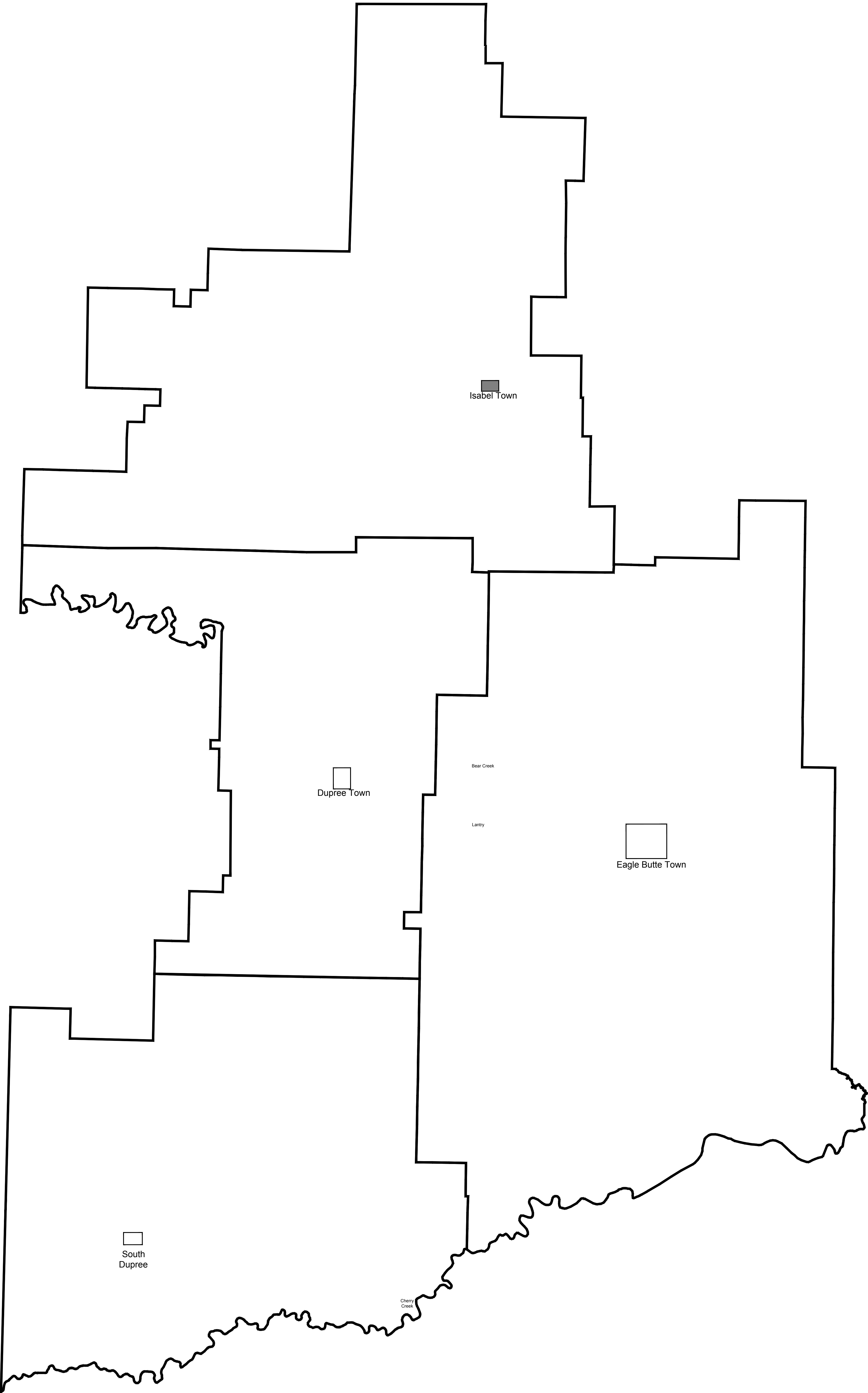
EXHIBIT A
 CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
 SAC 391647
 PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015
 ESTIMATED SEMI-ANNUAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT, PLANT INVESTMENT AND EXPENDITURES
 REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Description	Initial 2015 Filing	Progress Report January 1 to December 31, 2015
<u>Estimated Federal Universal Service Support</u>		
High Cost Loop Support	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
Safety Net Additive	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Connect America Fund Support	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Interstate Common Line Support	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total Estimated Support to be Received	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
<u>Estimated Expenditures for Provision, Maintenance and Upgrading of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:</u>		
Plant Specific and Non-Specific Operations Expenses		
Network support	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
General support	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Central office	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cable and wire facilities	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Network operations	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Depreciation and amortization	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Customer Operations Expenses		
Customer services	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Corporate Operations Expenses		
Executive and planning	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
General and administrative	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
RUS Debt Repayment		
Principal payments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Interest payments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Plant Additions (see Exhibit B for detail)		
General support assets	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Central office switching equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Central office transmission equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Buried fiber cable	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total Plant Additions	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

EXHIBIT B
CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
SAC 391647
PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015
COMPARE INITIAL 2015 FILING VERSUS ANNUAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2015

Exchange	Population	Description of Improvement	Year	Initial 2015 Filing of Planned Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures January 1 to December 31, 2015
Dupree	340	Building Improvements	2015	\$	
Eagle Butte	1750	Computers, Firewall, Server	2015		
Eagle Butte	1750	Furniture/Office Equipment	2015		\$
All	All	COE Electronics - Infinera Core	2015		
Eagle Butte	All	COE Electronics/Ethernet equipment	2015		
Dupree	1	COE Ethernet equipment	2015		
LaPlant	285	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Dupree	340	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Isabel	200	FTTH Electronics	2015		
Isabel	200	FTTH Power	2015		
Isabel	200	OSP - FTTH	2015		
LaPlant	285	OSP - FTTH	2015		
Dupree	340	OSP - FTTH	2015		
Eagle Butte	1750	OSP - FTTH	2015		
South Dupree	200	OSP - FTTH	2015		
All	All	Vehicles	2015		
All	All	Heavy Equipment Trencher	2015		
All	All	Locating, GPS & Test Equipment, Fusion Splicer	2015		
All	All	Plant mapping system	2015		
Totals				\$	\$



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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

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<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

2

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<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

Line 310 & 330
Unfulfilled Voice and Broadband Service Request Attempt Details
Per FCC Form 481 Instructions

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the "C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") has been in the process of a fiber-to-the-home project for over six years and continues to install fiber drops and hook up customers off the main fiber routes. At yearend December 31, 2015, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority had 2 unfulfilled voice and broadband requests for service. These 2 unfulfilled requests are new locations in C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority serving area with no copper facilities available. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has construction plans for 2016 to continue to install fiber drops throughout their study area, including these 2 unfulfilled requests.

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	391647sd510.pdf

Line 510

Processes and Procedures to Ensure Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Per FCC Form 481 Instructions

This document details the processes and procedures that Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the "C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") follows to ensure compliance with service quality standards and consumer protection rules as laid out in FCC Form 481 Instructions.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority provides voice grade access to the public switched telephone networks (PSTN) at a flat rate, thereby enabling access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations such as 911.

For service quality standards that are affected by plant issues, the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority engineers and installs its plant and other facilities in such a way as to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.

In addition, employees are periodically trained on service quality standards and consumer protection issues. In particular, if any set of issues appear to be prevalent, employees are given briefings on how to handle such issues, beyond the normal guidelines in place for resolution of customer complaints. A recent example is the call completion problems that have arisen and the customer calls that are generated as a result. Although this is not a service quality problem caused by the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority, it does affect customers of the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority and, therefore, deserves the attention of the C.R.S. T. Telephone Authority employees.

The C.R.S.T Telephone Authority also periodically reviews its operating procedures to be sure that those operating procedures are in compliance with service quality standards and that the operating procedures are not in violation of consumer protection rules. Internally a compliance officer ensures annual employee training and dictates disciplinary processes for improper use of consumer information. If concerns arise that cannot be handled by the compliance officer, legal counsel is sought to assist with a resolution.

If complaints are filed with the C.R.S. T. Telephone Authority related to service quality standards or consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made. It should be noted that the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has received no customer complaints in the past five years regarding service quality standards or consumer protection rules as they relate to the service offered by the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	391647sd610.pdf

LINE 610
STATEMENT DEMONSTRATING FUNCTIONALITY
IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

At line 600 of FCC Form 481, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority ("C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority") certified that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R § 54.202(a)(1)(ii). This means that C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. This statement will detail how C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is prepared to ensure continued service in an emergency situation.

Back-Up Power

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has a back-up generator available with a minimum of a four hour power supply for its central office. In addition, it has portable generators available for remote sites.

Rerouting of Traffic Around Damaged Facilities

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has route redundancy for long distance service, E-911 trunking and SS7 signaling trunking.

In the case of isolated groups of customers that may suffer damage due to a cable cut, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority maintains sufficient staff and other resources to be able to put customers back in service in a very short amount of time. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's emergency service equipment is located within its exchange and requires very little time to dispatch.

Traffic Spikes

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority's outside plant is designed, engineered and built with sufficient capacity to handle traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has been able to do so in the past. C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in an area where severe weather strikes periodically and has been able to handle communication needs at those times and has the experience from those situations to be able handle such emergency situations in the future.

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

-- See attached worksheet

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**(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

LINE 920
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT OBLIGATION
PER FCC FORM 481 INSTRUCTIONS

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (the “C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority”) is 100% wholly – owned by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (the “Tribe”) and actively engages in dialogue with the Tribe on a monthly and sometimes daily basis. Those discussions include the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority’s ongoing fiber project, loan requirements, service offerings and concerns on continued revenue support payments at the Federal and State levels.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in the final year of its fiber to the home/premise construction project that will provide the increased capability of broadband services and continued voice services to residential and commercial subscribers on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation, covering Dewey and Ziebach counties in Central South Dakota.

Tribal community anchor institutions include:

- US DHHS - Indian Health Service Health Care – Eagle Butte
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Field Health - Cherry Creek, Red Scaffold, White Horse & Swiftbird Clinics
- US DOI – Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education
 - Cheyenne Eagle Butte School
 - Takini School
 - Tiospaye Topa School
- Cheyenne River College Center – Oglala Lakota College

These community anchor institutions are in direct and indirect contact with the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority to order both telephone and broadband services. As the fiber project continues, the Tribal community anchor institution customers not currently served by fiber facilities, will have available to them faster broadband speeds as the fiber project is completed.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is very sensitive to the Tribe’s culture and the marketing of the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority’s services. Service offerings and packages are discussed at all staff levels and are reviewed by Tribal attorneys, ensuring cultural sensitivity.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority is in compliance with land use permitting requirements, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes with the Tribe.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority retains all the required business and licensing requirements which include certificates of public convenience and necessity, business license, master license and any other related forms expected by the Tribe.

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
TRIBAL LIFELINE/LINKUP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2016

Company: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority

Address: PO Box 810
100 Main Street
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Telephone Number: (605) 964-2600

Company Contact: Jo Beth Dupris

Study Area Code: 391647

Tribal Lifeline/Linkup Advertising/Outreach Activities:

 X Advertise in media of general distribution. *(See attached advertisement(s).)

 X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Tribal Lifeline/Linkup. * (See attached letter.)

 X Company's Tribal Lifeline/Linkup information in directory.

 X Company's Tribal Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website.

 X Company's information posted on USAC website.

 X Tribal Lifeline/Linkup Brochure

*Required

OBITUARIES

Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg



Funeral services for Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg age 39 of Eagle Butte, WEREE at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Old Agency Building in Eagle Butte. A meal will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the congregation cemetery in LaPlante under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Moberg. An all-night wake will start at 7 PM Monday at the Old Agency Building. Lee was found Saturday, October 31, 2015 near Eagle Butte, SD.

Leland "Lee" Wilson Logg "Wambli Hoksila" was born on August 1, 1976 at Ft. Carson, CO to Leland and Robyn Logg. Lee

entered the spirit world on October 6, 2015. Lee's family included brothers, Terry, Jason, and Les, and sister, Joy Logg.

Lee married MaShawn White Wolf and his children were Traden, Trevor, Jason, Layken Logg and Chantel Shepard. His nieces and nephews are Jaxson, Ryker, Aftan, Brooklyn, Rian, Kiana Logg of Eagle Butte, and Alexandria, Caleb, Lawson Sadowski of St. Paul, MN. Lee had a little dog named "Peanut" who meant the world to him.

Lee graduated from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte in 1994 and participated in all sports with all-state honors in basketball. After his military service Lee played college basketball at the United Tribes in Bismarck, ND, and Huron University in South Dakota. He fondly talked about playing with his brother, Jason as they were an inside/outside combination.

In the US Army, Lee was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and was proud of his service.

Lee's jobs were in physical fitness area and was a certified personal trainer.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jason Logg, maternal grandparents, Raymond and Pearl White Eagle, and paternal grandmother, Rachel Logg.

Rochelle Ducheneaux

Rochelle Ducheneaux, 70, of rural Gettysburg, passed away, Sunday, November 8, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services are currently pending.

Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte has been entrusted with Rochelle's arrangements.

David "Butch" Thompson

Funeral services for David "Butch" Thompson, 71, of Timber Lake, SD, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Timber Lake Community Center.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery in Promise under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Moberg.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 from 4PM to 7PM at the funeral home.

Butch passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at the Moberg Regional Hospital of Moberg, SD.

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Your Questions & Our Answers

Social Security Administration
Howard I. Kossover, Public Affairs Specialist

Q: Will the amount I can earn before my Social Security retirement is reduced change in 2016?

A: The 2016 amounts will be the same as for 2015. They are not changing.

The annual retirement earnings test concerns how your own employment in a year affects your Social Security retirement or survivors benefits in that year. It includes only your personal gross wages or net self-employment for the full calendar year. Your other income or income of a spouse is not applicable.

As of when I wrote this, the Retirement Planner section of the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/, shows only 2015, but this same information will apply for 2016. Since there is not a 2016 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) change, the earnings test amounts will not change either.

COLA information on the SSA website has the 2016 earnings test amounts and states that "The earnings limit for workers who are younger than 'full' retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will remain \$15,720. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$15,720.)"

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2016 will stay at \$41,880. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$41,880 until the month the worker turns age 66.) There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year.

The earnings test does not apply to people receiving benefits due to their own disability. If receiving disability, contact Social Security before working.

Q: Can I use the Social Security online retirement application even if already on Medicare?

A: Yes, you can. Complete your retirement application about 3 months before you want benefits to begin. You can file online for Social Security retirement, just for Medicare or for both retirement and Medicare.

If already receiving Social Security benefits when reaching age 65, you cannot file online for Medicare because Medicare information is automatically sent to you.

Online SSA applications are available to apply for benefits as a spouse or for disability. More Social Security online services are at www.ssa.gov/online-services/.

Based in Grand Forks, Howard I. Kossover is the Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for North Dakota and western Minnesota. Send general interest questions to him at howard.kossover@ssa.gov. Read his online articles at <http://socialsecurityinfo.areavoice.com/>.

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- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Household Income falls below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

How Do You Apply?.... For an application and/or more information please call: 1-888-587-7035.

If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Link-Up Application from SOLIX. For more information contact:

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Community Worship Schedules

All Saints Catholic, Eagle Butte

Fr. Dan Juella, Pastor & Fr. John Paul Trask, Associate Pastor
Saturdays - 5:00 p.m. • Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic, Dupree

Fr. Dan Juella, Pastor & Fr. John Paul Trask, Associate Pastor
Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. • Saturdays - 6:30 p.m.

UCC Church, Eagle Butte Pastor Pauline Webb

Sundays - September - December 9:00 a.m. Sundays

UCC Church, Dupree

Pastor Pauline Webb • September - December 11:00 a.m. Sundays

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, AELC Rev. Mark Richardson

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. • Wednesdays - Kids Bible School (4 years - 6th grade) 4:30-5:30 and Youth Group (7th-12th grade) 6:00-8:00

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)

10:00 a.m. Sundays • Sun. School 11:20 a.m. • Priesthood/Self Society 12:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Ministries • Pastor Brent Cury

10:30 a.m. Sundays • 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Eagle Butte Church of God • Addie Morris, Pastor • 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - All

11:00 a.m. Worship • 3:00 p.m. Worship-Residents of Evergreen Apts.

7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship • 7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study

1st Baptist Church of Eagle Butte • Pastor Ron Farrar • 9:30 a.m. Children's Church

11:00 a.m. Worship Service • 6 p.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission

Emmanuel, White Horse, 1st Sundays 11am (CT)

St. Thomas, On the Tree, 1st Sundays 2pm

St. John's, Eagle Butte, Every Sunday 10am, Holy Communion 2nd Sunday

St. Andrew's, Cherry Creek, 2nd Sunday, 1pm • St. Phillip's, Dupree, 3rd Sunday, 10am

St. Peter's, Thunder Butte, 3rd Sunday, 1pm • St. James's, Bear Creek, 3rd Sunday, 4pm

Ascension, Black Foot, 4th Sunday, 11am (CT)

St. Mary's, Promise, 4th Sunday, 2pm (CT)

Eagles Wing Baptist Church, Dupree • Pastor Sam Owen

10:00 a.m. Sundays • 6:30 p.m. Sundays • 6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Dupree

Pastor Chue Garreau Sunday Serv. • 10 a.m.

La Plante Baptist Church • Pastor Matthew Dickerson

12:30 p.m. CST Sunday Family Worship • 7 p.m. CST Wednesday Children's Outreach

Whitehorse Community Center

Warriors for Christ Baptist Church • Pastor Matthew Dickerson

10 a.m. CST Sunday Family Worship at Bob's Resort Lot #743

4 p.m. CST Sunday Children's Outreach, Swiftbait Community Center

Cherry Creek Mennonite Church • Pastor Merle Beachy (538-4318)

Sunday Morning Service - 10:00 a.m. • Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.

email: nancy@westriveragle.com or call 964-2100

to update or be added to the Church Calendar

Bohning

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Gugliotta discovered just how highly esteemed Bohning was in the eyes of Caribbean politicians one morning when George Price, the eccentric but charming prime minister of Belize, popped in without warning at the old Herald building on Biscayne Boulevard, having flown to Miami and then taking a bus to see Bohning for an impromptu chat. Minutes later, two harried Secret Service agents burst into the Herald lobby, frantic that their charge had wandered away.

Bohning was nonplussed neither by the arrival of Price nor that of the distraught agents. His patience and tranquility in the face of maddog dictators and penurious publishers were

legendary. He stayed calm even in the face of the serial catastrophes that marked his attempt to cover the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983.

The U.S. military was barring reporters from the scene, but Bohning and five other reporters hired a smuggler with a speedboat in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to slip them in. Making its final run to shore through bombing and artillery fire, the boat capsized, destroying all Bohning's notes and recordings.

Reaching shore, in a surreal landscape of bombed damage strewn with corpses and a chorus of barking madmen who escaped from a nearby asylum when it was mistakenly bombed, Bohning and the rest of the

group were arrested first by a left-wing children's militia and then by the U.S. military, which held them incommunicado on a naval vehicle, unable to file their stories.

"Everybody else was furious and screaming at each other, but Don just stayed calm, figuring it would all get sorted out sooner or later," recalled Diederich, who was part of the group. "He was always like that. The only time I ever saw him a little flustered, maybe, was in Nicaragua in 1979, when the Somoza government was falling to rebels, and one of Somoza's mercenaries came to Don's hotel room and robbed him."

What left permanent scars on Bohning's soul, though, was not the robbery in Managua but covering the 1978 mass suicide of the Peoples Temple cult in Guyana. It left him quiet and depressed for months.

"Don was at the airport in Georgetown, the capital, where aircraft after aircraft was landing, bringing back the bodies from the jungle," remembers former Herald photographer Tim Chapman, who also covered the story. "So he saw every single one of those 912 bodies or exactly however many it was come in. And remember, a third of them were children; the People Temple members weren't just killing themselves, they were murdering their own children, too."

"We talked about it many times — that's an exclusive club, those of us who saw it, and it never leaves you, and there's no way of really describing it to anyone else — and he never really got over it. 'At least in a revolution, you can figure out why people are killing each other,' he would say. 'But this never made any sense.' Don, when he covered a story, always wanted to know why, and Guyana didn't have a why."

Bohning survived by his son, Lee, of Colorado, and daughter, Lori, of central Florida; and by his wife of 60 years, former Barry University education professor Gerry Bohning. He was holding her hand when he died.

A friendship gathering will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fred Hunter Funeral Home at 2401 S. University Dr. in Davie. A brief service will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by a procession to the cemetery.

Parade of Trees

The Dupree School's Math/Art Committee is once again hosting their "Parade of Trees" in conjunction with the Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 1:30 p.m. We encourage any community group to bring decorated trees to the school before Dec. 9. Interested

groups may contact any committee member. Please call 365-5140.

Committee members are: Pamela Ross, Susie De La Rosa, Tether Lundberg Tracie Henderson, Corrina Thompson, Eunice Moudy.

Stray Thoughts

What Kids Should Learn

By Mark Peacock

Kids should learn to listen, not to make the teacher smile

but to pave the way for what they have to say, when their own words are on trial.

Kids should learn to figure, both in groups and all alone

if they can figure it out it will give them clout when they're out there on their own.

Kids should learn to think, and not just from their own side

to see truth and lies through their neighbor's eyes, with a mind that's open wide.

Kids should learn to do, on their own, from start to stop

if they learn to climb on their own time, they can make it to the top.

Kids should learn to create, through music, art and dance

through their own hands they'll understand, why the creative take that chance.

Kids should learn to contemplate, to anticipate what will come to pass

to wait their turn will help them learn to be patient and to have class.

Kids should learn about the old, how they succeeded and what it took

what their elders know will help them grow, and you can't learn this from a book.

Kids should learn to speak, what's on their mind, what's in their soul

and try leadership on and not be a pawn, so they don't have to fill that role.

Kids should learn to cooperate, to help as members of a team

to set ego aside, along with their pride, and help others with a shared dream.

Kids should learn to tire, from working hard for what they need

if their time is lost for the price it cost, they will learn this well, indeed.

Kids should learn of value, what money is and what it's not

what it can't buy no matter how you try, some things take more than you've got.

Kids should learn to sweat, to work out by their own direction

not for their team, but for self-esteem, and for their own health and protection.

For kids to learn what they should know, they need to focus while they're in school

they must learn to try, and not just get by, or they will end up the fool.

Look into the Lifeline and Linkup Program!



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Answering your questions....

Since announcing that the *Timber Lake Topic* and *Isabel Dakotan* will be combined as of January 1, 2016, we have had many positive and encouraging comments and messages.

Thank you!

We have also had a few questions, which we will try to answer in the coming weeks.

QUESTION: Will the paper still have the same news and other things in it?

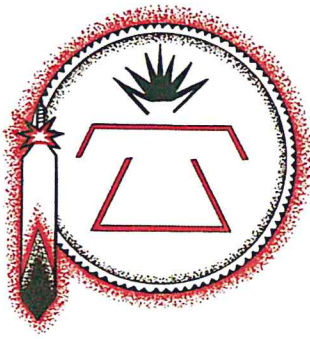
ANSWER: We plan to continue to provide good news coverage of the area we serve. The content of the paper will be driven by the news that is happening. We will try to attend as many meetings and events as possible. We will have court reports, police reports, property transfers, weather and other "On the Record" information. We think readers will expect to see feature stories, an editorial page, sports and lots of photos. We ask readers to send in baby announcements, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and obituaries. (*We do not charge for obituaries.*) We will also print a calendar of events each week

and each month and continue popular features such as the stories from past issues of both the *Topic* and the *Dakotan*. The crossword puzzle will be new to *Topic* readers and a bonus for *Dakotan* subscribers will be Jack Bickel's "Sparks from Firesteel" column and Karen Holzer's feature stories. We are open to suggestions for changes and additions and we ask you to please let us know what you expect from your newspaper.

Have questions?

Call Kathy or Bob at 605-865-3546,
605-466-2258 or 605-760-9182,
or 1-800-664-3546

Timber Lake
TOPIC
CONTINUING THE *ISABEL DAKOTAN*



C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

March 1, 2016

Dear C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority Customer,

Please read this letter carefully.

Individuals who reside on tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for discounts [on the telephone bill] through **Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs**. Tribal lands are defined as any federally-recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony; Indian Allotments; and areas that fall outside the boundaries of existing Tribal lands but have been designated by the Federal Communications Commission as Tribal lands for the purpose of receiving Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support.

Tribal Lifeline helps eligible residents of tribal lands save up to \$34.25 on their monthly phone bill. The discount applies to wireline or wireless residential telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household. **Tribal Link Up** provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for new telephone service at the applicant's primary residence. The discount is a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge to initiate telecommunications service. Link Up also allows you to pay any remaining amount owed on initiation of service (up to \$200) on a deferred schedule, interest free.

Eligible consumers may also be able to sign up for free toll blocking or toll limitation service that either blocks or limits long-distance calls from your phone.

Both programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
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- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines (*see table below*).

2016 Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines			
Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,038	5	\$38,394
2	\$21,627	6	\$43,983
3	\$27,216	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,805	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037
(Applicable to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia only.)

To apply for **Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up on Tribal Lands**, contact Solix at 1-888-587-7035 for a Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up Assistance Application, complete the form, and then return it to **Lifeline Administrator, 30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685**. A representative from Solix will contact you to verify your eligibility and complete the application process. You will be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility.

Important Information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as a credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Telephone Assistance Programs Proof of Eligibility

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you may be asked to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

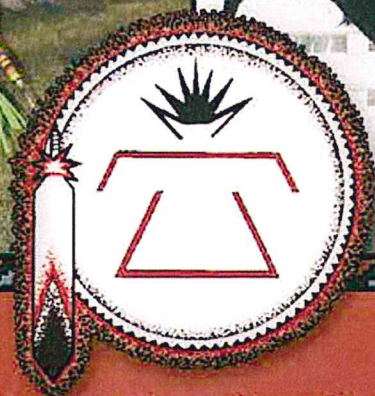
If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on **program-based eligibility**, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating that the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents, or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program.

Sincerely,

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority

2015 LOCAL EXCHANGE DIRECTORY



CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE
TELEPHONE AUTHORITY

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State of South Dakota

Dept. of Health-Isabel	466-2474
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Highway Dept.-Dupree.....	365-5169
Highway Dept.-EB	964-4361
Highway Dept.-Isabel.....	466-2160
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Subway.....	964-2900

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Takini School.....	538-4399
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Intermediate Station	964-6763
Water Office.....	964-7766

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United Veterans Beacon House.....	733-2656
Upell Margaret Dr.	964-7700

US Post Office

Cherry Creek	538-4264
Dupree.....	365-5110
Eagle Butte.....	964-6633
Isabel	466-2165
Lantry	964-8018
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White Horse	733-2520
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Adult Detention Admin	964-6505
Jail.....	964-2155

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Walter Miner Law Enforcement

Juvenile Detention	964-4577
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Dupree Office.....	365-5145
West Winds Home Health.....	964-7617
Western Dakota Bank	964-6300
Wheatridge Apartments	964-3214
White Horse Community Bldg.....	733-2465
Wind Swept Academy	964-7600

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Assessor	365-5129
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Clerk of Courts.....	365-5159
Extension	365-5161
Health.....	365-5170
Register of Deeds	365-5165
Sheriff	365-5177
States Attorney	365-5172
Treasurer	365-5173

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Dept. of Public Safety	1-800-952-3696
Dewey County Courthouse	1-800-894-3501
Lakota Network Help Desk.....	1-866-264-7802
Lifeline/Linkup	1-888-587-7035
Moreau Grand ElectricCoop	1-800-952-3158
Exede/WildBlue Support	1-888-256-8372

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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



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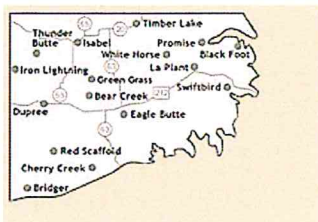
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Tribal Lifeline And Linkup Program

You May Be Eligible For Discounted Telephone Service.

Qualifying customers who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This program can decrease your local monthly telephone service by as much as \$22.75 per month.



On January 01, 1998, the basic Lifeline and Linkup program was implemented. This program was designed to assist low-income consumers with the cost of basic telephone service. On October 01, 2001, the Enhanced Lifeline and Link-up rules were implemented. This "enhanced" program applies to low income consumers living on tribal lands.

Eligibility Requirements:

This low income federal telephone assistance program is available to eligible subscribers that are participating in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- Household Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid (eg., Title XIX Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

2015 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$15,890
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3	\$27,122
4	\$32,738
5	\$38,354
6	\$43,970
7	\$49,586

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For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,616 for each additional person.	
How To Apply: For an application and/or more information please call: 1-888-587-7035. If you are eligible, you will be mailed a Lifeline/Link-Up Application from Solix, Inc.	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Service Type</u>
AT&T Mobility	800-377-9450	Wireless
Budget Mobile	888-777-4007	Wireless
City of Brookings Telephone Fund		Wireless
James Valley Wireless	800-556-6525	Wireless
Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Wireless
Standing Rock Telecom	701-854-7098	Wireless
Northern Valley Communications	888-919-8945	Home Phone
Alliance Communications	800-701-4978	Home Phone
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Home Phone
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority	605-964-2600	Home Phone
CenturyLink	800-244-1111	Home Phone
City of Fairth Municipal Telephone Company	605-967-2261	Home Phone
Golden West Telecommunications	855-888-7777	Home Phone
ITC Telecom	800-417-8667	Home Phone
James Valley Telecommunications	800-556-6525	Home Phone
Jefferson Telephone Company	712-271-4000	Home Phone
Kennebec Telephone Company	605-869-2220	Home Phone
Midcontinent Communications	800-888-1300	Home Phone
Midstate Communications	605-778-6221	Home Phone
Midstate Telecom, Inc	888-214-1431	Home Phone
Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company	605-666-4411	Home Phone
RC Communications, Inc.	800-256-6854	Home Phone
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association	800-256-6854	Home Phone
Santel Communications	888-978-7777	Home Phone
SS Telecom	605-676-6000	Home Phone
Swiftel Communications	605-692-6211	Home Phone

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association	605-437-2615	Home Phone
Vast Broadband	888-745-2888	Home Phone
Venture Communications	800-824-7282	Home Phone
West River Telecom	800-748-7220	Home Phone
Western Telephone Company	800-824-7282	Home Phone

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AN OVERVIEW OF TRIBAL LIFELINE AND TRIBAL LINK UP

Individuals who reside on tribal lands and meet the eligibility criteria may qualify for discounts (on the telephone bill) through the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs. Tribal lands are defined as any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony; Indian Allotments; and areas that fall outside the boundaries of existing Tribal lands but have been designated by the Federal Communications Commission as Tribal lands for the purpose of receiving Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support.

Tribal Lifeline helps eligible residents of tribal lands save up to \$34.25 on their monthly phone bill. The discount applies to wireline or wireless residential telephone service plans and is limited to one line per household.

Tribal Link Up provides a one-time discount for the connection or activation charge for new telephone service at the applicant's primary residence. The discount is a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge to initiate telecommunications service. Link Up also allows you to pay any remaining amount owed on initiation of service (up to \$200) on a deferred schedule, interest free.

Eligible consumers may also be able to sign up for free toll blocking or toll limitation service that either blocks or limits long-distance calls from your phone.

LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD WITH C.R.S.T. TELEPHONE AUTHORITY

C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority began its formal organizational history in 1958 when the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe purchased a privately owned telephone company from the Harding family. Chairman Frank Ducheneaux Sr. led the effort and \$105,000.00 later, the first tribal telephone company in the United States became reality. As a role model during the past 60 years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has inspired eight other tribes to start their own telecommunication companies.

In recent years, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority has been working diligently on getting customers cut over to the new fiber optic service from the old copper cable service in order to enhance services. As this project nears completion, C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority will be evaluating additional services such as Over the Top Television, Home Security Systems, and Prepaid Wi-Fi.

C.R.S.T. Telephone will celebrate 60 years of business in 2018, and we look forward to continuing our success into the next 60 years.

For more information about Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up, just give us a call or stop by our office.



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TRIBAL LIFELINE AND TRIBAL LINK UP

**PHONE DISCOUNTS FOR ELIGIBLE
RESIDENTS OF TRIBAL LANDS**



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Both the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up programs have eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you, one or more of your dependents, or your household participates in any of the following programs:

- Medicaid (example, Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Or, if your household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guidelines (see table below).

2016 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,038	5	\$38,394
2	\$21,627	6	\$43,983
3	\$27,216	7	\$49,586
4	\$32,805	8	\$55,202

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,616 to the annual guideline.

Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037 (Applicable to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia only.)

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up on Tribal Lands, contact Solix at 1-888-587-7035 for a Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up Assistance Application, complete the form, and then return it to **Lifeline Administrator, 30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685**. A representative from Solix will contact you to verify your eligibility and complete the application process. You will be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility.

Important Information

- Not all telephone providers in South Dakota offer the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts.
- Tribal Lifeline is available on only one line per household. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. A household may include related and unrelated persons.
- Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up discounts cannot be applied to past due telephone bills.
- It can take up to two months for the discounts to show up on your bill as a credit. You must pay the bill until that time.
- Tribal Link Up will not cover the cost of a phone or wiring your home.
- You must notify C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority when you no longer qualify for the program.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on income, you may be asked to provide proof of your income. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- Last year's state, federal or tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Worker's Compensation statement of benefits
- A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information

If the prospective subscriber presents documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, the prospective subscriber must present the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous 12 months.

If you qualify for Tribal Lifeline or Tribal Link Up based on program-based eligibility, you may be asked to provide proof of your eligibility. The following documents are acceptable proof:

- The current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying assistance program
- A notice or letter of participation from a qualifying assistance program
- Program participation documents
- An official document demonstrating that the prospective subscriber, one or more of the prospective subscriber's dependents, or the prospective subscriber's household receives benefits from a qualifying assistance program

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391647

Line 1222 Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority only provides its lifeline customers a flat rate local service. There is no measured local service provided, so the number of minutes provided is not necessary.

Line 1223 Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

The C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority provides access to toll service providers for its lifeline customers. The lifeline customer has to choose its own toll service provider, so no additional charges are noted or required by the C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

Data Collection Form

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	391647
<015>	Study Area Name	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Mona Thompson
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6059642600 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	monat@lakotanetwork.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	391647sd3010b.pdf	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))	Yes - Attach New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	391647sd3012b.pdf
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	391647sd3017.pdf
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

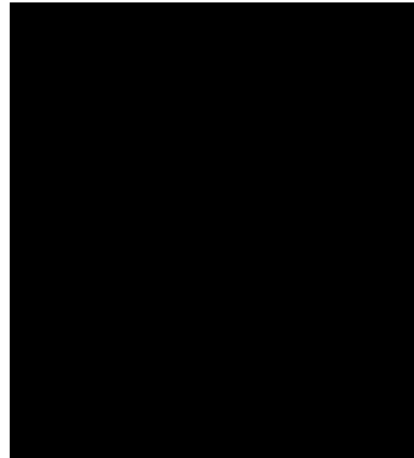
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

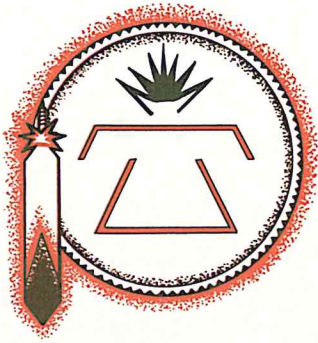
(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends





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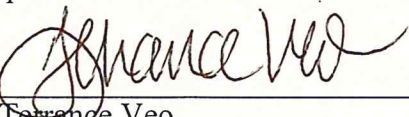
July 1, 2016

To: Commission Secretary, Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Form 481
47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i)
Milestone Certification
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Eagle Butte, South Dakota
Study Area Code 391647

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority, SAC 391647, ("Authority") hereby certifies as required by 47 CFR 54.313 (f)(1)(i) for the FCC Form 481 program year 2017 that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such services are met within a reasonable amount of time, if requested.

No such request has been received. The Authority is in its final stages of implementation of their fiber-to-the-home project for their whole serving area. The last exchange, Isabel is to be completed in 2016.

By: 
Terrance Veo
Board President

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY
NEW COMMUNITY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS IN STUDY AREA 391647
LINE 3012b

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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<p>USDA-RUS</p> <p>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	<p><i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i></p> <p>BORROWER NAME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority</p>	
<p><i>INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.</i></p>	<p>PERIOD ENDING</p> <p>December, 2015</p>	<p>BORROWER DESIGNATION</p> <p>SD0533</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATION</p> <p><i>We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.</i></p> <p>ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 40%; border-top: 1px solid black;"></div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">DATE</div> <div style="width: 40%; border-top: 1px solid black;"></div> </div>		

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

<p>USDA-RUS</p> <p>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	<p>BORROWER DESIGNATION</p> <p>SD0533</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</p>	<p>PERIOD ENDING</p> <p>December, 2015</p>

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION							
	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
██████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
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██████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
██████████	23.75	16.00	37	145	182	185.73	185.73
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						61.61	61.61
Total			1,014	1,647	2,661	1,473.67	1,473.67
No. Exchanges	5						

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4. BROADBAND SERVICE								
Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
██████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
██████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
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████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████	████
██████	175	70	15	3,000	1,500	74.50	Package	Fiber to the Home
Total	2,661	1,144						

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA					
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile	
PART E. TOLL DATA					
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 391647 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis			
PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR					
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended					
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended					
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval					
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended					
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)					
6. Salvaged Materials					
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction					
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)					
PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES					
INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

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YES

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NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2. Net Income		
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3. Add: Depreciation		
4. Add: Amortization		
5. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
22. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]		
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		
25. Other Long-Term Investments		
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		
27. Other (Explain) [REDACTED]		
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		
30. Ending Cash		

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	

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CERTIFICATION LOAN DEFAULT NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	

<010>	Study Area Code	391647
<015>	Study Area Name	CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Mona Thompson
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6059642600 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	monat@lakotanetwork.com

4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	<u>Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.</u>
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX</u>
Signature of Authorized Officer:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	<u>Mona Thompson</u>
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	<u>General Manager</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	<u>6059642600 ext.252</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>391647</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	<u>Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.</u>
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/27/2016</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	<u>Jenifer Wasnock</u>
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	<u>Consultant</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>2535667070 ext.278</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>391647</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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(800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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